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Title : BAND REFEEDING METHOD IN BANDING
PACKING MACHINE AND BANDING PACKING
MACHINE HAVING REFEEDING MECHANISM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 6 of this paper.